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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael J. Kyle

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-17 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/19/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 10 is objected to because lines 3-4 read “a clamping device for the glass leaf one of the axial end”. There appears to be words missing from this phrase.
2. Claim 10 is objected to because lines 3-4 reads, “one of the axial end”. It appears that “end” should be -- ends --. Additionally, lines 4-5 read “to one axial of the fitting body”. It appears “axial” should be -- axial ends --.
3. Claim 10 is objected to because it recites “one of the axial end[s] of the fitting body...extending to one axial [end] of the fitting body” in lines 4-5. This is not clear. It appears separate axial ends should be claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 89 10 569 (DE ‘569). With respect to claim 10, DE ‘569 shows a fitting comprising a fitting body (13) having at least a receptacle for a glass leaf (19) and a clamping device (left side of 13 in figure 6) for the glass leaf one of the axial end of the fitting body having an elongated pocket hole (20) extending to one axial end of the fitting body. A bearing pin (21) is placed in the pocket hole and secured in the elongated pocket hole so that the glass leaf is prevented from being removed from the

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frame when the door is in a closed position. When the pin 22, is inserted, the glass cannot be removed from any position of the door.

6. With respect to claims 11 and 12, DE '569 discloses at least one holding screw (22) fastening the bearing pin (21) to the receptacle (19). The holding screw extends into the bearing pin (21) orthogonally to the elongated axis of the fitting body.

7. With respect to claims 13 and 14, DE '569 discloses the clamping device to have an elongated hole (24), and the bearing pin has a threaded bore hole (26) aligned with the elongated hole so that the holding screw (22) extends through the elongated hole and threadedly engages the threaded bore. The threaded bore hole is a pocket bore hole.

8. With respect to claim 15, DE '569 discloses the threaded bore penetrates through the bearing pin 21.

9. Claims 10, 11, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 29 24 319 U1 ("DE '319). DE '319 discloses a fitting comprising a fitting body (7, 8) having at least a receptacle for a glass leaf (10) and a clamping device (lining of 10) for the glass leaf one of the axial end of the fitting body having an elongated pocket hole (9, 11) extending to one axial end of the fitting body. A bearing pin (12) is placed in the pocket hole and secured in the elongated pocket hole so that the glass leaf is prevented from being removed from the frame when the door is in a closed position. When the pins are in is inserted, the glass cannot be removed from any position of the door.

10. With respect to claim 11, DE '319 discloses at least one holding screw (lower 22) in the receptacle (10).

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11. With respect to claim 16, DE '319 discloses a safety screw (upper 22) extending through the elongated hole (9) and spaced from the bearing pin.

12. With respect to claim 17, DE '319 discloses a safety screw (upper 22) extending through the elongated pocket hole (at 9)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE '569 in view of DE 298 13 219 U1 ("DE '219). DE '569 does not show at least one cover plate covering an outer surface of the fitting body. DE '219 shows a fitting arrangement with a fitting body (20, 24) and a fastening screw (22), where the fitting body has a cover plate (28) covering a portion of the outer surface. This blocks access to the fastening screw and help prevent unauthorized removal of the glass. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify DE '569 such that it includes the cover of DE '219 to prevent unauthorized access to the holding screws and removal of the glass pane.

Allowable Subject Matter

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15. Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to fitting systems: Easton, Garrett, Mielke, Franze, Chiang, Zebedee, Bisbing, and JP '777.

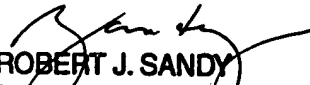
17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Kyle whose telephone number is 571-272-7057. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

18. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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